

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-24 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 25-40 are newly added and are supported by the specification as originally filed. Claims 25-40 are pending.

This Preliminary Amendment together with the Substitute Specification are submitted to improve the form and scope of the present application. It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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